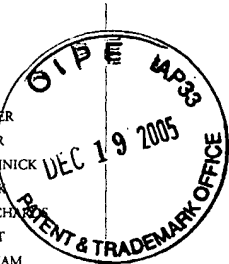


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment "A" and Response for entry in the above-identified application.

____ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

____ To secure the approval of the Examiner for proposed amendments to the drawings, enclosed are the following:

____ Set of _____ (____) sheets of drawings containing Figures _____ including the proposed amendments therein; and

_____ A duplicate set of the _____ (____) sheets of drawings with the changes therein highlighted in red.

_____ To render the transmitted Amendment "A" and Response timely filed enclosed are the following:

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_____ Check No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the fee for the extension of time.

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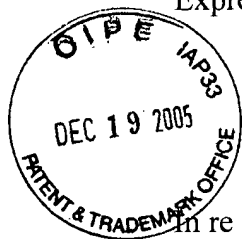
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In response to the Office Action of November 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.